(vi) To carry out the conversion of lines as per the above policy at least cost yet providing a standard of service not lower than what the rail users were getting on the Metre Gauge (MG).

**Dedicated freight corridor**

86. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many dedicated freight corridors have been planned and what is their construction schedule;

(b) whether the funding would be done from Railways' own resources or loans from international financial bodies like World Bank, Asian Development Bank etc. had to be resorted to; and

(c) whether the proven world-wide technology would be an important input keeping in view the long gestation period and emerging excellence and speed level rolling stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Government of India has approved the construction of Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects on Eastern Route (Ludhiana-Dankuni) and Western Route (Jawaharlal Nehru Port near Mumbai to Dadri/Tughlakabad). They are targeted for completion in about 5 years from the start of construction of the Project.

(b) The Dedicated Freight Corridor Project is proposed to be financed through a mix of internal generation, market borrowings, budgetary and non-budgetary resources including multilateral and bilateral funding. For funding of Eastern and Western Corridors, Ministry of Railways is negotiating with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), World Bank and Asian Development Bank.

(c) It is proposed to use the State of the art technology for implementation of the project.

**Rail network in Orissa**

†87. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the position of Orissa in the country keeping in view the railway density *i.e.* rail line in kilometre in comparison to the population or area;

(b) whether there is any special scheme with Government to extend the rail lines and to make arrangements for more railway transport;

(c) whether the State Government has given any memorandum or make any special request to the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the present status of pending railway projects in the State and by when all these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) As on 31.03.2008, the railway route length (route kilometre) in Orissa is 6.49 kilometre per lakh of population. It is 15.33 kilometre per 1000 square kilometre of area in terms of density.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No, Sir. There is no such special scheme with the Government. Expansion of the railway network to cater to the increased traffic transportation requirement is a continuous process on the Indian Railways and new projects are approved based on the operational requirements and availability of resources.

(c) A memorandum from the State Government of Orissa was received in January 2008 in which enhancement of allocation of funds for and expeditious completion of various ongoing projects falling/partly in Orissa were requested for. In addition, sanctioning of certain new projects, *viz.*, doubling/ electrification of Daitari-Banspani, Haridaspur-Paradeep and Talcher-Sambalpur-Jharsuguda lines, extension of Naupada-Gunupur line up to Theruvali and construction of Jeypore-Malkangiri, Talcher-Gopalpur, Puri-Konark, Bargarh-Nawapara (via Padampur), Jaleswar-Digha, Gopalpur-Rayagada, Jajpur Keonjhar Road-Jajpur, Gorumahisani-Buramara, Badampahar-Keonjhar and Berhampur-Phulbani new lines, etc. were requested for.

(d) The present status of the various ongoing New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling projects falling fully/partly in Orissa is given in the Statement (*See* below).

***Statement***

*Details of the present status of the various ongoing New line/Gauge Conversion/ Doubling projects falling fully/partly in Orissa*

(Rs. in Crore)

| Sl.No. | Name of the Project | Latest Anticipated Cost | Actual Expenditure incurred up to 31/03/2008 | Budget Outlay provided during 2008-09 | Present Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | | **New Line** | | |
| 1. | Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh (56kms) | 142.98 | 53.03 | 35.00 | In the first phase, work for Lanjigarh-Bhawanipatna (31 Kms) has been taken up, where earthwork and bridgework are in progress. The work is likely to be completed in 2009-10. |
| 2. | Khurda Road-Bolangir (289 kms) | 700.00 | 74.17 | 32.43 | On this project, earthwork and bridgework have been taken up in Phase I from Khurda Road to Begunia (36 Kms). |
| 3. | Haridaspur-Paradeep (82 kms) | 594.34 | 98.28 | 80.00 | The work is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). 411.63 out of 668 hectares of land has been acquired. Earthwork |

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| | | | | | and minor bridgework have been taken up. Work on major bridges over rivers Luna and Mahanadi has also been taken up. |
| 4. | Angul-Sukinda Road (98.7 kms) | 344.00 | 5.43 | 60.00 | The work is to be executed by RVNL through the formation of an SPV. Final Location survey (FLS) has been completed. 148 out of 619.23 hectares of land has been acquired. |
| 5. | Talcher-Bimlagarh (154 kms) | 873.54 | 10.68 | 10.00 | FLS has been completed. Land acquisition has been taken up. |
| | | | **Gauge Conversion** | | |
| 1. | Naupada-Gunupur (90 Kms) | 112.01 | 116.52 | 10.41 | Earthwork, bridgework, ballasting and track-linking are in progress. The project is likely to be completed during 2009-10. |
| 2. | Rupsa-Bangriposi (89 kms) | 137.54 | 77.49 | 40.00 | Rupsa-Baripada-Bhanjpur has been completed and commissioned. The entire project is likely to be completed during 2009-10. |
| | | | **Doubling** | | |
| 1. | Rajathgarh-Barang (20 kms) | 242.87 | 125.39 | 125.00 | The work is being executed by RVNL through Asian Development Bank (ADB) funding. Earthwork and bridgework including the bridge over river Mahanadi have been taken up. The work is likely to be completed during 2009-10. |
| 2. | Sambalpur-Rengali (22.7 kms) | 81.32 | 70.07 | 2.00 | Earthwork and bridgework, etc. have been taken up. The project is likely to be completed during 2008-09. |
| 3. | Jharsuguda-Rengali (25.6 kms) | 91.41 | 9.80 | 45.00 | Earthwork and bridgework have been taken up. The project is likely to be completed during 20 10-11. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | Cuttack-Barang (12 kms) | 178.98 | 93.05 | 35.00 | The work is being executed by RVNL through ADB funding. Earthwork and bridgework, etc. including Kuakhai Bridge have been taken up. The project is likely to be completed during 2009-10. |
| 5. | Khurda Road-Barang 3rd line (35 kms) | 207.00 | 67.97 | 125.00 | The work is being executed by RVNL through ADB funding. Earthwork and bridgework, etc. have been taken up. The project is likely to be completed during 2009-10. |
| 6. | Sambalpur-Titlagarh (182 kms) | 474.25 | 0.61 | 65.00 | The work is being executed by RVNL through ADB funding. FLS has been completed. Necessary planning has been taken up. |
| 7. | Raipur-Titlagarh (203 kms) | 614.35 | 0.00 | 65.00 | The work is being executed by RVNL through ADB funding. Necessary planning has been taken up. |
| 8. | Padapahar-Banspani (28 Kms) | 129.74 | 30.61 | 70.00 | Padapahar-Dongaposi has been completed. Work on balance section is likely to be completed during 2009-10. |
| 9. | Bimlagarh-Dumitra (18.3 Kms) | 73.77 | 0.16 | 50.00 | Detailed Estimate has been sanctioned. Tendering for works has been taken up. The project is likely to be completed during 2010-11. |
| 10. | Barbil-Barjamda (10 Kms) | 50.01 | 1.32 | 40.00 | Detailed Estimate has been sanctioned. Earthwork and bridgework have been taken up. The project is likely to be completed during 2009-10. |
| 11. | Banspani-Joruli (9 Kms) | 76.22 | – | 4.00 | Detailed Estimate has been sanctioned. Tendering for works has been taken up. |

The ongoing projects will be completed in the coming years as per the availability of resources.